

# Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers

## General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### Minutes



**Minutes of the Association General Meeting** held at Aldborough on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The President presided in the chair and about 60 members present. The meeting opened at 14:00

#### 1 **President's welcome**

The President welcomed all members to the meeting. The ringing during the day was will attended with many making the early start at Ripon Cathedral

#### 2 **Election of New Members**

22 members approved by all to become members of the YACR. It is pleasing to see so many ringers joining the association.

#### 3 **Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising**

The Ypres bell project donation – this is not possible from the YACR BRF as it is not within the charity rules. Proposal from the floor that the saving from insurance is donated to the Ypres project this would be £1500. Proposed and seconded. The text agreed for the Memorial Book 'In memory of the YACR members fallen in WWI'.

All in Favour

The minutes were proposed as a true record by the President.

All in favour.

#### 4. **Vote of Thanks**

A vote of thanks was proposed. Thanks to the ringers and clergy for the use of their bells. To the incumbent of Aldborough for the service and Cleveland & North Yorkshire Branch for hosting the meeting, organising the day and providing lunch. Thanks was shown in the usual way.

#### 5. **Nominations of Officers**

President – No nominations  
Peal Secretary –; Proposed and seconded  
Web Master – ; Proposed by The President

Nominations with a proposer and seconded for officers can be made to the General Secretary up to midnight of 28 February 2017.

#### 6. **Web Site**

The web site has been reconstructed, the original web site address has now been obtained but unfortunately not the coding. A lot of work has been put in to update the tower details. The Branch details remain to be updated. To do this each branch will be required to update the content. The web site will go live once all the contacts are updated.

From the floor – congratulations to the President for taking this project forward.

#### 7. **Safe Guarding Statement**

The YACR Safeguarding officer made a statement which is available separately from the minutes. A number of questions of clarification on the statement. The safeguarding statement in the Annual Report will reflect the CofE document which covers the 'Standards of behaviour of volunteers for churches.

8. **Future Events**

- a. 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – BRF Trustees AGM – Drighlington
- b. 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – General Committee Meeting – Sherburn in Elmet
- c. 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – AGM & 8-bell inter-branch striking competition hosted by Leeds  
Striking competition at Birstwith 10:45 draw, Open ringing at towers local to Birstwith from 12:00.

The method will be a full plain course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

9. **In Memoriam**

A short obituary for each of the following members who had passed away since the previous meeting;

Gill Flynn – Dewsbury (Western Branch)

Patricia Everest – Masham (Cleveland and North Yorkshire Branch)

Alan Ball – Askrigg (Cleveland and North Yorkshire Branch)

A short period of silence to their memory which was followed by a short prayer

10. **Ted Hudson**

Ted Hudson was a member of the C&NY branch for 40years and secretary for much of that time, his grave is un-marked and the Sharow ringers would like to mark the grave with a vase to recognise his contribution to ringing. A plaque was mounted in Sharow tower earlier today.

11. **Correspondence**

None

12. **BRF Collection**

£148.21 was collected with tax relief this is £185.26.

11. **Any Other Business**

- i) Further ringing at Aldborough after the meeting and then onto Thirkleby.
- ii) Minutes of meetings will be available 4 weeks once agreed by the officers. These will be un-approved.
- iii) If anyone wishes for YACR clothing please contact.
- iv) From the floor – a review of the annual report and website required. The annual report is a unique publication for historical information and a rule book however reflects the previous year. The web site could be used to ensure changes/updates happen quicker.  
Suggest that contacts for the association and branches are maintained on the website.  
- To be discussed by the General Committee for ideas from the Branches.
- v) Copies of 'Inspired by Bells' from the Snowdon Books which have slight damage from storage. Free to members

The meeting closed at 15:10